

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(NEGOTIATION STRATEGY SESSION)**

October 16, 2007

**6:15 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O’Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault

Absent: Alderman Forest

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to recess the meeting for a negotiation strategy session.

Mayor Guinta called the meeting back to order.

Alderman O’Neil moved to ratify and confirm the agreement with the Manchester Education Association (MEA) and the City pursuant to the agreement reached between the Board of School Committee and MEA on October 15, 2006 under suspension of Rule 26; and further moved to ratify and confirm the tentative agreement between the City and Teamsters Local 633 in the Directors and Coordinators Bargaining Unit pursuant to ratification dated September 26, 2007 and October 9, 2007 under suspension of Rule 26. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated I have no problem voting in favor of the teacher’s contract but I have a real problem that 19 employees that are the directors and coordinators bargaining unit that a week ago came forward with an agreement that I think that if they had waited an extra week they would have had a different deal on the table and I think that it’s unfair that we take those 19 people who are working next to some of these teachers and are going to get a different schedule based on...one is based on the ratification date and one is going back to October 1st I just don’t think we’re being fair with 19 people. Thank you, your Honor.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Alderman Pinard moved to adjourn. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas moved that we take these 19 people and put them to the same level as the other teachers in the other contract.

Mayor Guinta stated I'm not going to accept it because we just ratified the contracts and called for a vote on the motion to adjourn. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk